ART HISTORY

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Interdisciplinary Minor in Film & Video Studies

In addition to the art history minor, the Departments of Art History and Communication & Media (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences) offer an interdisciplinary minor in Film & Video Studies (http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/liberal-arts-sciences/film-video-studies) (18-21 credits). This program provides students with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with reading the art of cinema as cultural critics, while having the option to learn the basics of screenwriting and production. For more information, please contact Beth Wilson, the Department of Art History’s co-coordinator of Film & Video Studies, at (845) 257-3896 or wilsonb@newpaltz.edu.

Honors Program

Art History majors pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree are encouraged to apply for admission to the Art History Honors Program if they meet all the following criteria: a cumulative average in all course work at the college of 3.0 or above, an average in Art History course work at the college of 3.5 or above, and completion of 21 or more credits in Art History. Application must be made at the beginning of the last semester of the junior year.

Admission to the Honors Program will permit students to enroll in ARH461 and ARH462, Honors Thesis in Art History I and II (three credits each). Credit for ARH461 will not be allowed unless ARH462 is completed; only three of these six credits may be used toward completion of the 36-credit major.

Students admitted to the Honors Program will undertake independent study and write a thesis on a subject chosen by the student in consultation with the faculty, approved by the department chair, and supervised by the appropriate member of the faculty. Successful completion of the thesis – indicated by a grade of B+ or better in ARH461 and ARH462 – will result in the student graduating with honors in Art History, a distinction that will appear on the college transcript.

Questions regarding this Honors Program should be directed to the chair of the Art History Department.

Major

- Art History (http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/fine-performing-arts/art-history/major-art-history)

Minor

- Art History (http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/fine-performing-arts/art-history/minor-art-history)

Liberal Arts Designation

All courses count toward the liberal arts requirement.

Undergraduate

ARH500. Art Criticism . 3 Credits.
Philosophic and aesthetic foundations for a theory of criticism in the visual arts. Development of critical technique.

ARH501. Studies in Prehistoric Art . 3 Credits.
The earliest art and architecture of pre-literate cultures, especially in Europe before about 1000 B.C.

ARH502. Studies in the Art of the Ancient Near East . 3 Credits.
An examination of selected topics dealing with the art of Mesopotamia, Iran, Anatolia and the Levant from the seventh millennium to the end of the first.

ARH503. Studies in the Art of Ancient Egypt . 3 Credits.
This course examines selected topics relevant to the art and architecture of pharaonic Egypt.

ARH504. Studies in Minoan and Mycenaean Art . 3 Credits.
This course examines selected topics relevant to the cultures of Crete and Mycenaean Greece from the beginning of the third to the end of the second millennium B.C.

ARH505. Studies in Greek Art . 3 Credits.
An examination of selected topics dealing with the art and architecture of Greece, from 1000 B.C. to the end of the first millennium B.C.

ARH506. Studies in Roman Art . 3 Credits.
An examination of selected topics dealing with Roman art in the Republican Period and the Imperial Era, from the second century B.C. to the fourth century A.D.

ARH507. Studies in Byzantine Art . 3 Credits.
An examination of selected topics dealing with East Christian art from the age of Constantine the Great in the early fourth century B.C. to the fall of Constantinople in A.D. 1453.

ARH508. Studies in Medieval Art . 3 Credits.
European art and architecture from the Early Christian period to the end of the Middle Ages c. A.D. 1500.

ARH509. Studies in Italian Renaissance Art . 3 Credits.
A detailed analysis of a specific topic concerned with Early Renaissance and High Renaissance art in Italy such as: the Renaissance Portrait; or, Donatello and Early Renaissance Sculpture; or, Classical Subjects in Renaissance Painting and Sculpture -- the influence of Classical Art and Literature. Topics will be chosen to take advantage of art collections and special exhibitions in New York City and other nearby museums.

ARH510. Studies in Northern Renaissance Art . 3 Credits.
A detailed analysis of a specific topic such as: Developments in Landscape Painting, Drawing and Prints in the Low Countries, Germany and Austria; Image and Meaning from Bosch to Bruegel; Albrecht Durer, His Contemporaries and His Influence. Topics will be chosen to take advantage of the art collections and special exhibitions in museums in New York City and the region.

ARH511. Studies in Sixteenth-Century Art . 3 Credits.
This course examines a specific aspect of Renaissance and Mannerist art in Italy, including Italian artistic influence upon northern European artists during this time. Topics that might be investigated include: Problems in Mannerist Art; Titian and Venetian Painting of the Sixteenth Century; Michelangelo as Sculptor, Painter and Architect. Topics will be chosen to take advantage of the art collections and special exhibitions of museums in New York City and the region.

ARH512. Studies in Baroque Art . 3 Credits.
This course examines a specific aspect of the art and architecture of the seventeenth century in Europe such as: Rembrandt and His Influence; Genre Painting in the Low Countries; The Baroque Portrait; Bernini and the Roman Baroque. Topics will be chosen to take advantage of the art collections and special exhibitions in museums in New York City and the region.
ARHS13. Studies in Eighteenth-Century Art . 3 Credits.
A detailed analysis of an aspect of the period from Louis XIV to Napoleon in European Art and Architecture. Topics that could be investigated include: Asian Influences in European Art, Architecture and Gardens of the Eighteenth Century; Romantic Classicism to Neo-Classicism -- Changes in a Vision of Classical Antiquity; Women as Subjects, Patrons and as Artists in the Eighteenth Century. Topics will be chosen to take advantage of the art collections and special exhibitions in museums in New York City and the region.

ARHS14. Studies in Nineteenth-Century Art . 3 Credits.
A detailed analysis of an aspect of nineteenth-century European art.

ARHS15. Studies in Modern and Contemporary Art . 3 Credits.
Theory and criticism of major artists and artistic movements in Europe, America, and elsewhere from the beginning of the twentieth century.

ARHS16. Studies in American Art . 3 Credits.
A detailed analysis of an aspect of American art from the Colonial period to the present. Students should have a basic understanding of the styles and periods of European art since the Renaissance as a foundation for the study of American art on the graduate level.

ARHS17. Studies in East Asian Art . 3 Credits.
This course examines selected topics relevant to the arts and architecture of China, Korea, and Japan from the earliest times to the twentieth century.

ARHS18. Studies in South Asian Art . 3 Credits.
This course examines selected topics relevant to the arts and architecture of South Asia, including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

ARHS19. Studies in Islamic Art . 3 Credits.
This course examines selected topics relevant to the arts and architecture of the Islamic world, including both the central Islamic lands and outlying areas of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

ARHS20. Studies in Pre-Columbian Art . 3 Credits.
Art and architecture in Mexico, Central and South America before European intervention c. A.D. 1500.

ARHS21. Studies in the Native Arts of Africa, Oceania, and North America . 3 Credits.
Traditional sculpture, painting, building and crafts of the indigenous peoples of Africa, the islands of the South Pacific and North America.

ARHS22. Studies in the History of Architecture . 3 Credits.
Theory and criticism of architectural development at certain times and in certain places selected at the discretion of the instructor.

ARHS23. Studies in the History of Drawings . 3 Credits.
This course examines specific aspects of style, technique, and function of drawings in the context of works for which they are preparatory studies and, also, drawings as finished works of art. Detailed analysis of individual topics would be emphasized in the context of subjects such as: Italian Renaissance Drawings; or, Landscape-Studies from Nature; or, Redefinitions of Drawing in the Twentieth Century. Topics will be chosen to take advantage of the art collections and special exhibitions of museums and galleries in New York City and the region.

ARHS24. Studies in the History of Prints . 3 Credits.
A detailed examination of a selected topic concerned with developments in the art of the print, such as: Innovation in Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Prints; or Illustrated Books and Artists’ Prints; or Japanese Prints and their Influence on Western Artists in the nineteenth century.

ARHS25. Studies in the History of Decorative Arts . 3 Credits.
The aesthetics and techniques of media other than architecture, painting, sculpture and the graphic arts, namely ceramics, metalwork, furniture, glass and other decorative objects.

ARHS26. Studies in the History of Design . 3 Credits.
Evolution of form and function in objects made in media such as furniture, glass, ceramics, metalwork and graphics with an emphasis on the rise of industrial design in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

ARHS27. Studies in the History of Photography . 3 Credits.
Aesthetics and criticism of photography from its inception in the nineteenth century until today.

ARHS28. Studies in the History of Film . 3 Credits.
Aesthetics and criticism of film since its inception at the beginning of the twentieth century.

ARHS29. Studies in Art Theory and Criticism . 3 Credits.
Studies concerning the ways in which art is created, perceived and discussed as well as its relationship to the political, social, economic and religious forces of the society in which it is produced.

ARHS46. Surrealism . 3 Credits.
Survey Surrealist ideas, writings, paintings, films, objects, etc. in their historical contexts, examining the various positions of those claim the label "Surrealist, the impact that the movement had in its own time, and since.

ARHS59. Art in Contemporary Culture . 3 Credits.
This course is an exploration of diverse trends in contemporary art, focusing on the relationship of this art to major social and political issues of our time.

ARHS71. Film Aesthetics and Criticism . 3 Credits.
Aesthetic basis of film as an art form. Critical analysis of six major film works from silent and sound eras. Examination of structural and symbolic theories of film; specific study of shooting scripts and final film. Readings from Eisenstein, Munsterberg, Arnheim, and contemporary criticism.

ARHS93. Art History Selected Topic . 3-12 Credits.

ARHS94. Fieldwork In Art History . 0 Credits.

ARHS95. Indep Study Art History . 1-12 Credits.

ARHS79. Art History Selected Topic . 3-12 Credits.

ARHS795. Indep Study Art History . 1-12 Credits.